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1. AMB NISIBORI (JAPAN) WAS ONLY SPEAKER AT APRIL 18
PLENARY. HE BEGAN BY WELCOMING CLIMATE OF DETENTE,
BUT WENT ON TO STRESS THAT IT WOULD BE OF ONLY PASSING
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NATURE IF IT DID NOT CONTRIBUTE TO STRENGTHENING OF

INTERNATIONAL SECURITY THROUGH ARMS CONTROL MEASURES. NISIBORI NOTED THAT EFFORTS FOR EXPANSION OF MILITARY ARSENALS, WITH PRIMARY EMPHASIS ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS, SEEMED TO HIS DELEGATION TO BE CONTINUING WITH INCREASING VIGOR, AND CALLED ON THE US AND USSR TO MAKE EFFORTS TO SUBSTANTIATE DETENTE BY PROGRESS ON CTB. NISIBORI ARGUED THAT FOR SALT TALKS TO BE OF "GENUINE SIGNIFICANCE", US AND USSR MUST CONCLUDE CTB SINCE AS LONG AS TESTING CONTINUED, LEVEL OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS CAPABILITY COULD NOT BE REDUCED. HE ALSO SAID THAT A CTB WAS NECESSARY TO MAKE THE NPT SYSTEM STABLE AND DURABLE.

2. TURNING TO QUESTION OF THE VERIFICATION, NISIBORI SAID IT WAS ESSENTIAL TO ASSURE THE FULFILLMENT OF AGREEMENTS. VERIFICATION WAS VITAL KEY TO SOLUTION OF CTB PROBLEM AND ONE OF THE MOST CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES IN RELATION TO SCOPE OF CW PROHIBITIONS. WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING THAT TOTAL VERIFICATION NOT POSSIBLE, HE EMPHASIZED THAT MAJOR OBSTACLE TO DISARMAMENT PROGRESS WAS POSED NOT BY THOSE WHO ADVOCATED EFFECTIVE VERIFICATION, BUT RATHER BY THOSE WHO TOOK AN "APATHETIC OR REJECTIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD NECESSITY OF SUCH EFFECTIVE MEASURES". NOTING THAT SOME CCD DELS SEEMED MISUNDERSTOOD THIS POINT, NISIBORI SAID THAT PREREQUISITE TO DISARMAMENT PROGRESS WAS TO SWEEP AWAY IDEA THAT VERIFICATION MEASURES WOULD GO COUNTER TO TRUST AND CONFIDENCE AMONG STATES OR THAT ON-SITE INSPECTION WOULD IMPINGE UPON NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY.

3. NISIBORI OBSERVED THAT WHILE DETAILED CONSIDERATION OF TECHNICAL MATTERS WAS INDISPENSABLE TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF EFFECTIVE DISARMAMENT MEASURES, THE CCD SHOULD NOT BECOME SO INVOLVED IN TECHNICALITIES AS TO LOSE SIGHT OF ITS GOALS AND RESPONSIBILITIES. HE SAID 1974 WAS AN IMPORTANT YEAR FOR REALIZING A CTB AND CW PROHIBITION AND THAT CCD SHOULD NOT FAIL TO CAPITALIZE ON THE CURRENT MOMENTUM IN INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY. HE CONCLUDED THIS GENERAL STATEMENT BY SAYING THAT HIS DELEGATION'S VIEWS ON INDIVIDUAL DISARMAMENT ITEMS WILL BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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